

PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps of Engineers ⊚ New England District

696 Virginia Road Concord, MA 01742-2751 Date: May 12, 2009

Comment Period Ends: June 12, 2009

File Number: NAE-2008-738

In Reply Refer To: Ms. Diane M. Ray Or by e-mail: diane.m.ray@usace.army.mil

The District Engineer has received a permit application from the applicant below to conduct work in waters of the United States as described below.

APPLICANT: 60 Main Street, LLC; c/o Westport Property Management, LLC, 95 Boston Post Road West, Westport, Connecticut 06880

ACTIVITY: Perform dredging with upland disposal and construct a new marina. A detailed description and plans of the activity are attached.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK:

This work is proposed is in Bridgeport Harbor at 60 Main Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. The proposed location on the USGS Bridgeport quadrangle sheet is at Lat. 41.16544 and Long. -73.18518

AUTHORITY: Permits are required pursuant to: Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT

The dredging portion of this project will impact up to approximately <u>450,000</u> SF (10 acres) of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for the attached list of managed species life stages. Habitat at this site can be described as sandy silt. Altering (deepening) this habitat may affect the listed life stages of those species. Any permit issued for this project may contain a time of year restriction to minimize adverse impacts during ecologically sensitive periods. Hence, the District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effect will not be substantial. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding EFH conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

SECTION 106

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that the proposed work may impact properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Additional review and consultation to fulfil requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, will be ongoing as part of the permit review process.

The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved **Coastal Zone Management Programs**. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

(X)	Permit, License or Assent from State.
()	Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
()	Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. **Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date.** If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Diane M. Ray at (978) 318-8831 or at (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367, if calling from within Massachusetts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

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THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

Robert J. DeSista
Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch
Regulatory Division

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8058 or e-mail her at bettina.m.chaisson@usace.army.mil. You may also check here () and return this
portion of the Public Notice to: Bettina Chaisson, Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696
Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751.

NAME:		
ADDRESS:		

PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE:

Perform the following work in conjunction with the construction of a new 205-slip recreational marina facility; with slips ranging in size from 40 to 120 feet in length; and including 6 transient slips:

- 1. Perform dredging within an approximately 450,000 square foot area to depths ranging from -8' to 10' mean low water. A total of approximately 83,550 cubic yards of material will be dredged mechanically and disposed of and reused upland onsite. The dredged material will be dewatered on the existing parking lot on the site. The containment area will be constructed of geotextile tubes that will be filled w with dredged material and used to dewater the material contained within them as well as act as sediment and erosion control measures for the containment area. The containment area will be approximately 2.3 acres in size. The geotextile tubes will be placed around the perimeter of the containment area.
- 2. Install and maintain an approximately 10' x 115' fishing pier with a 60' long land/access ramp as shown on sheet 5 of 12 of the attached plans.
- 3. Install and maintain an approximately 14' wide x 381' long pile and timber access pier with an approximately 30' x 50' kayak launch, and ramps leading to four main floating dock sections. The main floating dock section will be approximately 10' wide x 810' long and lead to three additional docks. The west dock will be approximately 10' wide x 746' long with fingers and connect to a 14' wide x 1195' long floating wave attenuator that will comprise the southern and eastern perimeter of the marina. The center and east docks will be 8' wide and 656 and 637 feet long, respectively; and will have finger floats. The floating docks will be held in place with steel anchor piles.

The extent of encroachment beyond mean high water will be approximately 2100'.

The work is described on the enclosed plans entitled "Proposed Marina and Dredging, Brideport Harbor, City of Bridgeport, County of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, Application by: 60 Main Street, LLC" in twelve sheets, dated, "11/28/07", revised through "01/06/09".

Summary of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Designation

10' x 10' Square Coordinates:

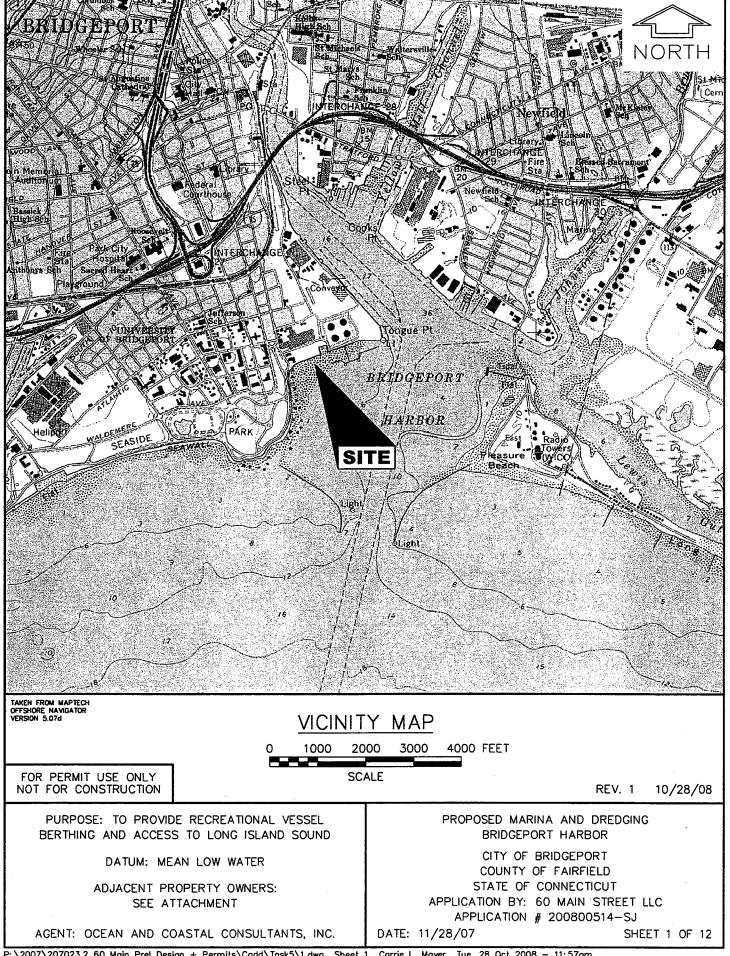
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Coordinate	41° 10.0' N	73° 10.0' W	41° 00.0' N	73° 20.0' W

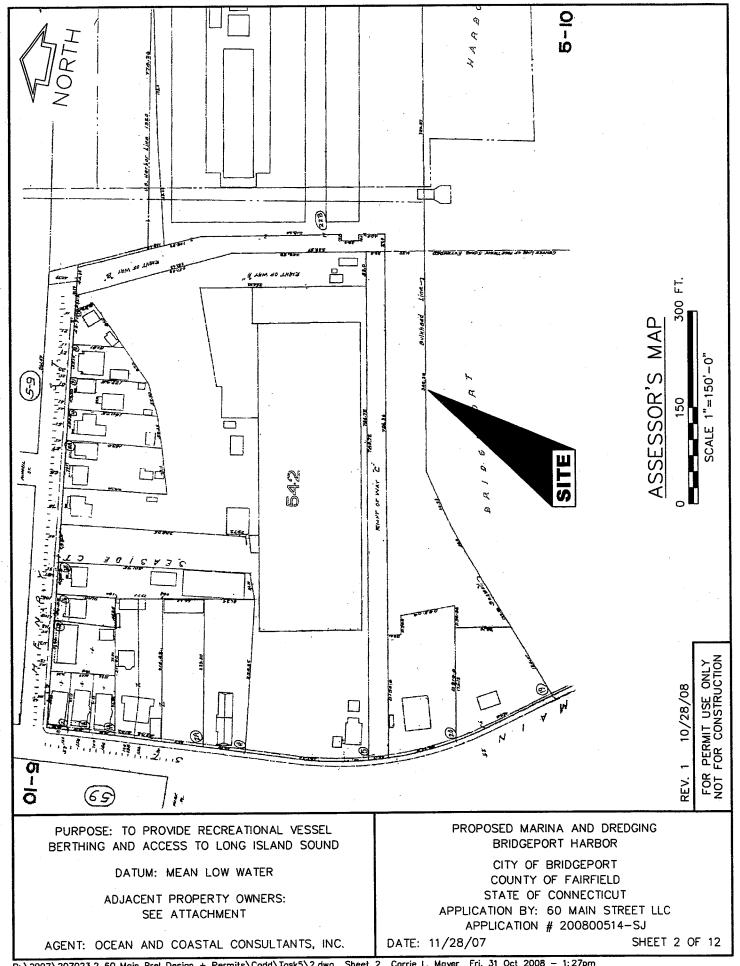
Square Description (i.e. habitat, landmarks, coastline markers): Atlantic Ocean waters within Long Island Sound within the square affecting south of the following: Bridgeport, CT., Fairfield, CT., Blackrock, CT., Southport, CT., Green Farms, CT., and Greenfield, CT., along with Black Rock Harbor from the entrance to the Pequonack River west to Sherwood Pt. (just east of Sherwood Mill Pond) within Long Island Sound. Also affected are: Pennfield Reef, The Little Cows, Georges Rock, and Fayeweather I.

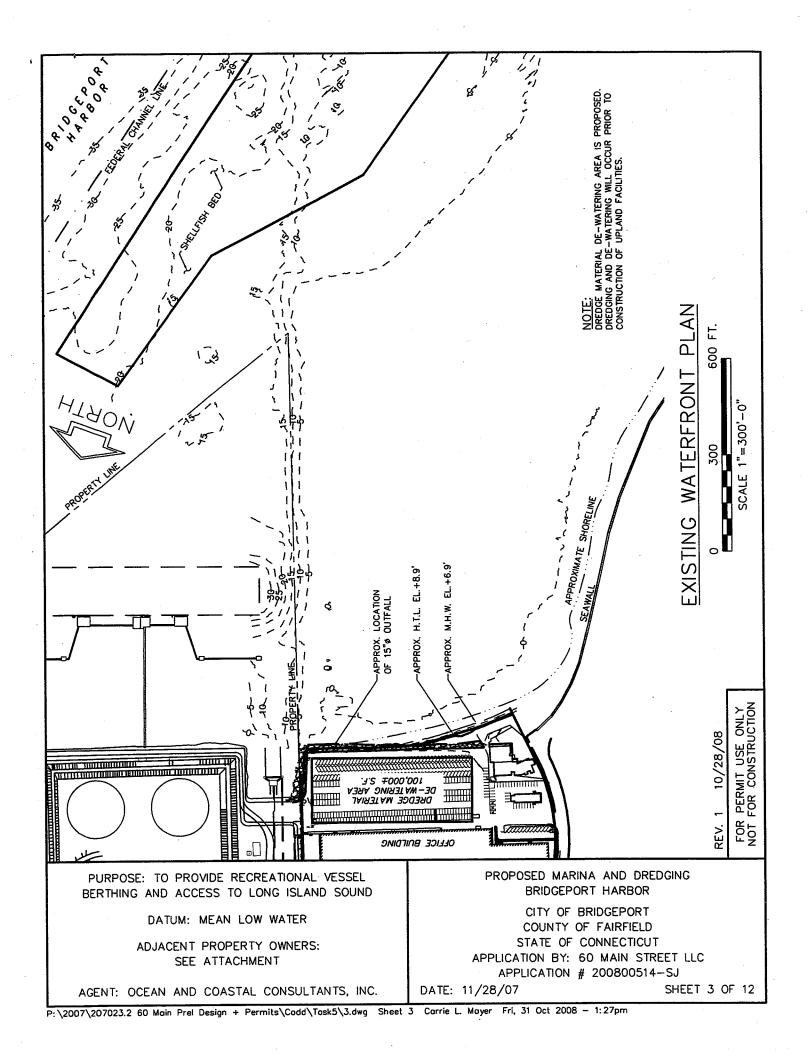
Species	Eggs	Larvae	Juveniles	Adults
Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar)			X	X
pollock (Pollachius virens)			x	X
whiting (Merluccius bilinearis)				X
red hake (Urophycis chuss)	X	X	X	X
winter flounder (Pleuronectes americanus)	X	X	X	X
windowpane flounder (Scopthalmus aquosus)	X	x	X	X
American plaice (Hippoglossoides platessoides)			X	X
ocean pout (Macrozoarces americanus)	X	X	X	X
Atlantic sea herring (Clupea harengus)			x	X
bluefish (Pomatomus saltatrix)			X	X
Atlantic mackerel (Scomber scombrus)	X	X	X	X
summer flounder (Paralicthys dentatus)			X	X
scup (Stenotomus chrysops)	X	X	X	X
black sea bass (Centropristus striata)	-		X	X

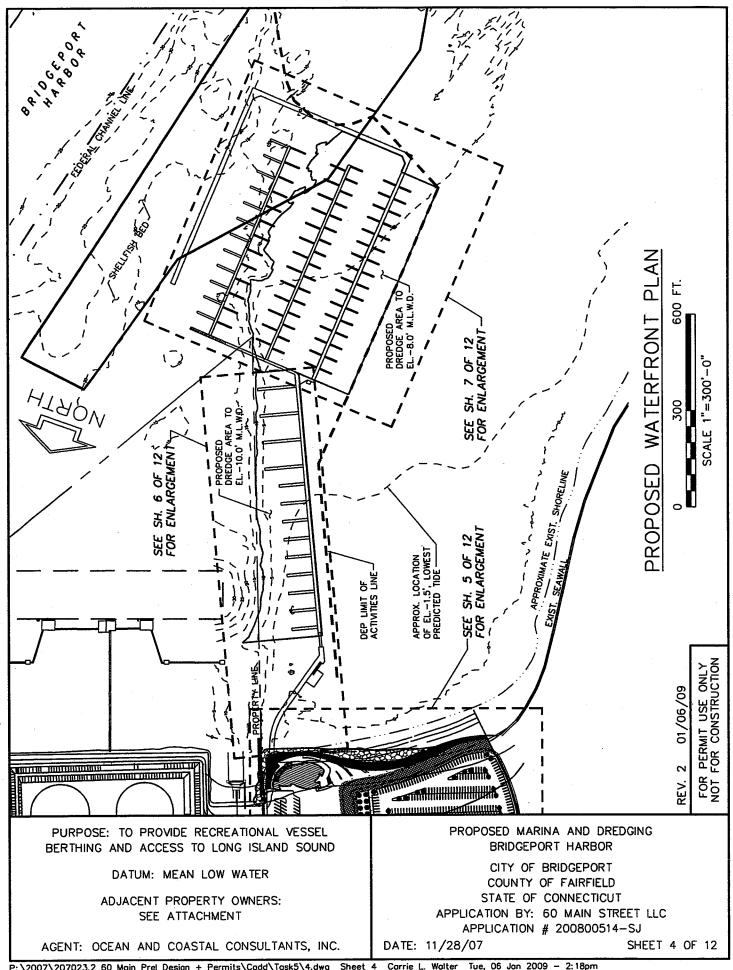
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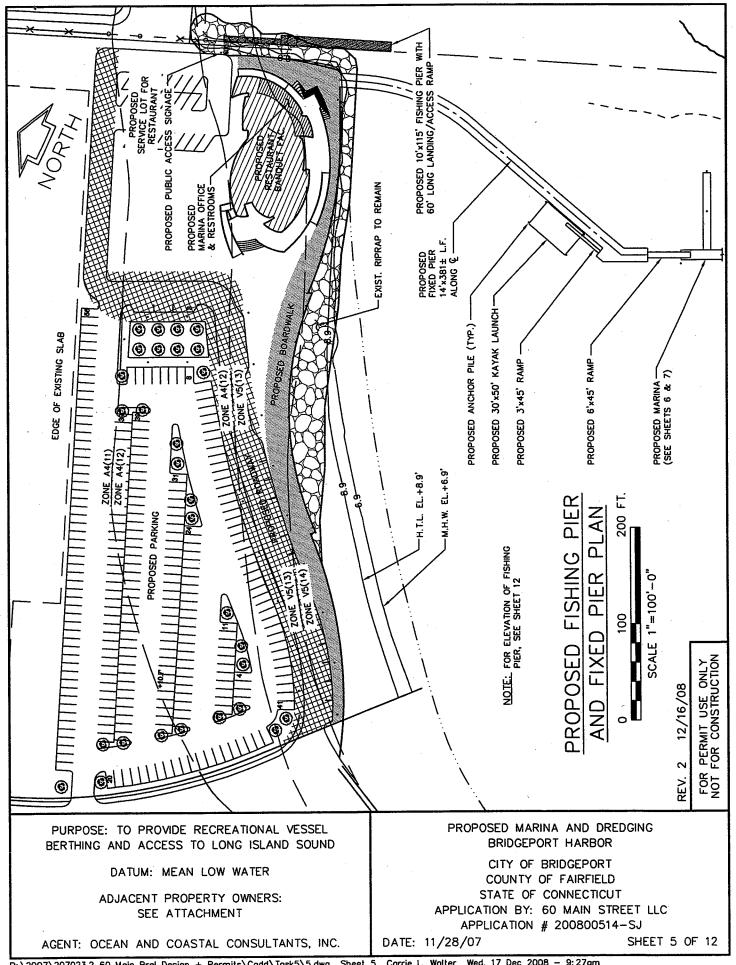
king mackerel (Scomberomorus cavalla)	X	X	X	X
Spanish mackerel (Scomberomorus maculatus)	X	X	X	X
cobia (Rachycentron canadum)	X	X	X	X
sand tiger shark (Odontaspis taurus)	-	X	-	-
little skate (Raja erinacea)	_	-	X	X
Winter skate (Raja ocellata)		-	X	X

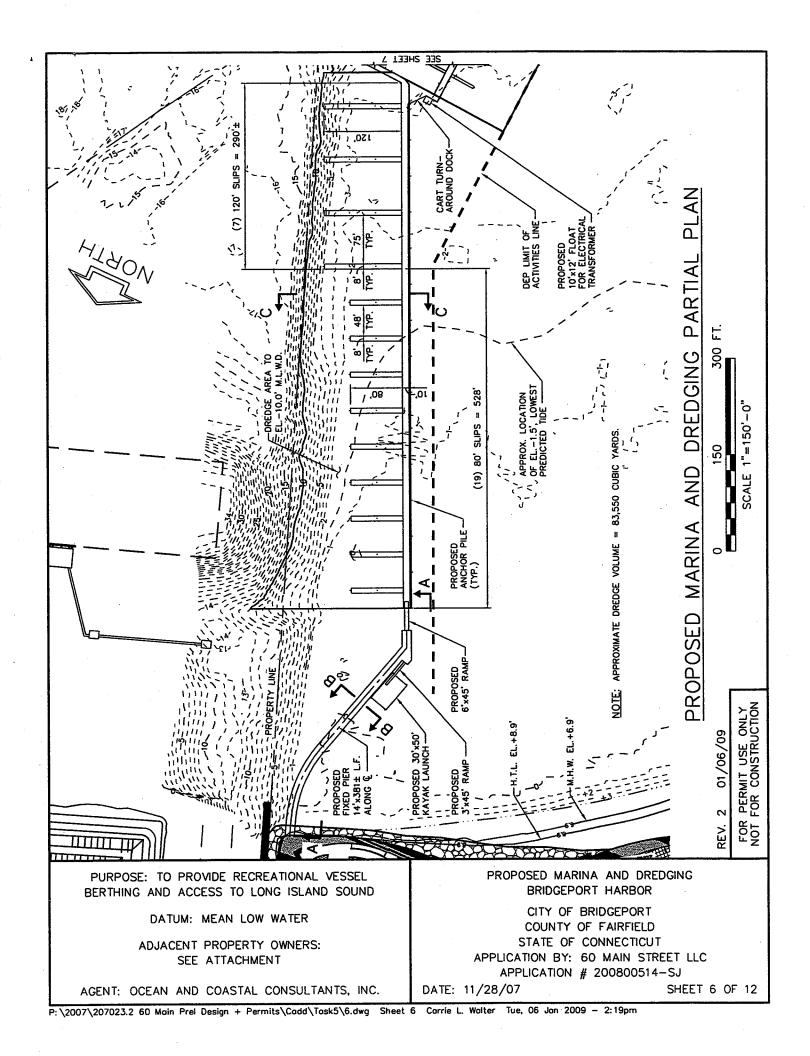


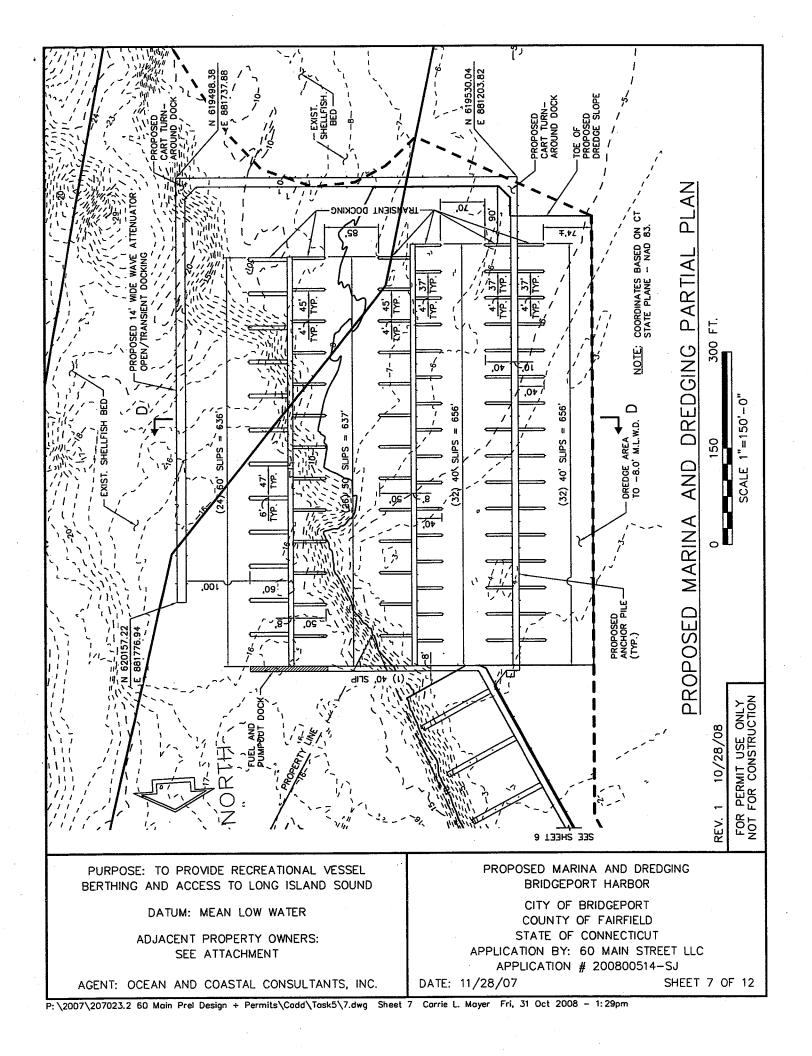


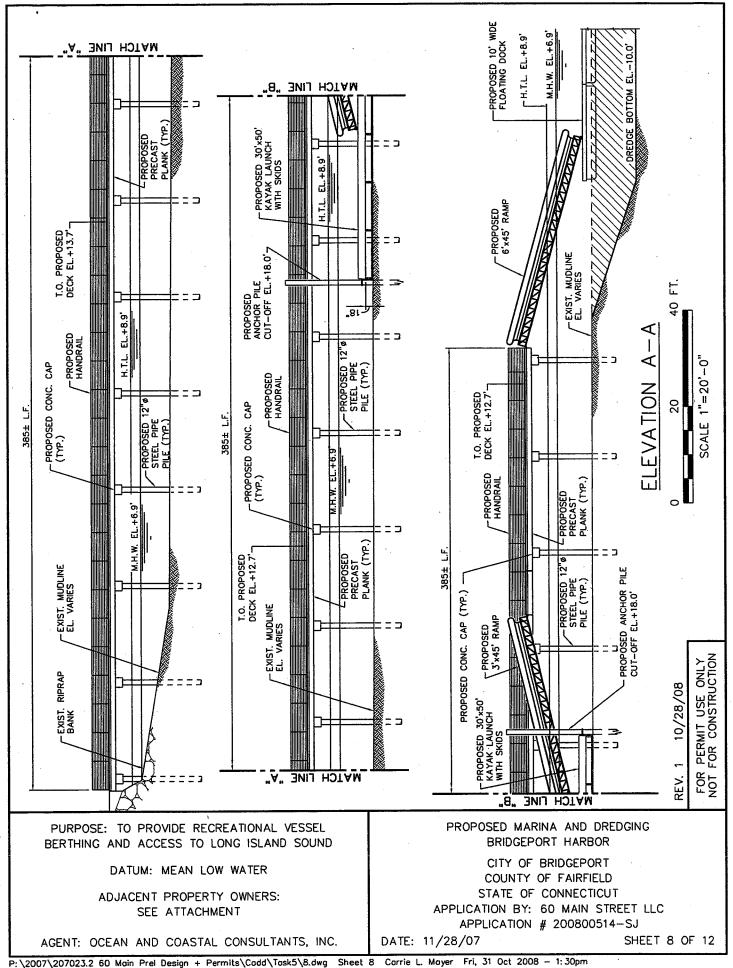


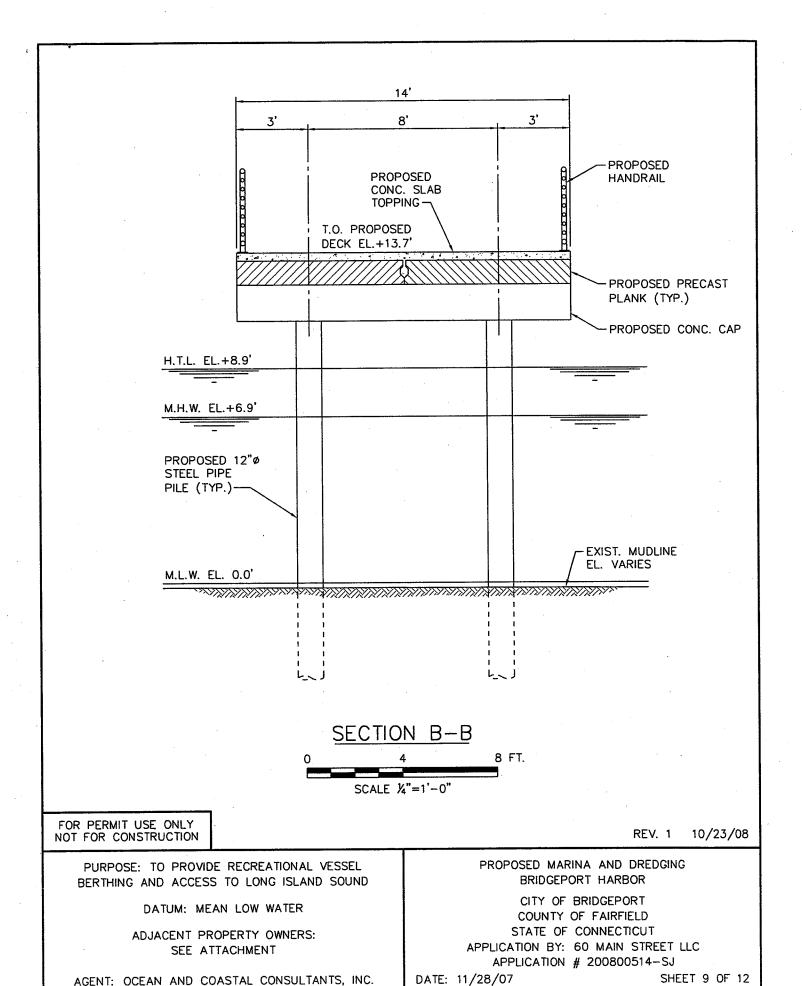


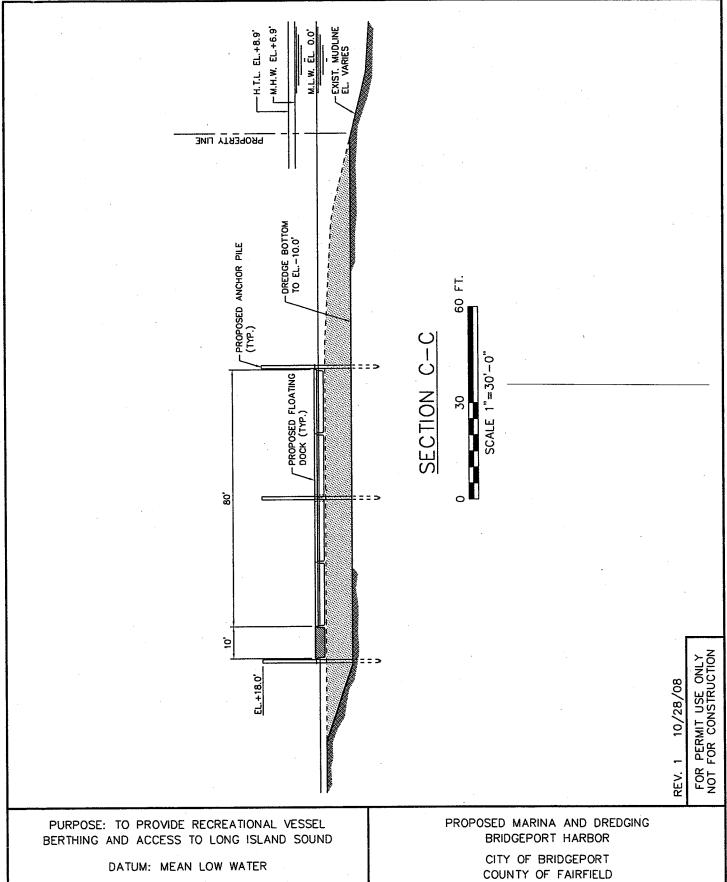












ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS: SEE ATTACHMENT

AGENT: OCEAN AND COASTAL CONSULTANTS, INC.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT APPLICATION BY: 60 MAIN STREET LLC

APPLICATION # 200800514-SJ

DATE: 11/28/07

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